



SHOWBOAT



TIJUANA



LAS LAURELES

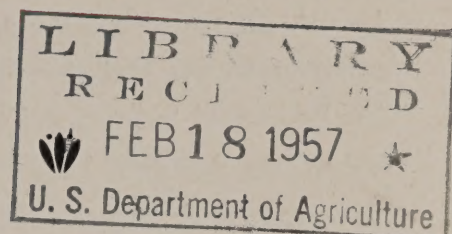


ROSARIO

Giant BALLAY Gardens

Since 1920

1957



BALLAY

Dahlia Gardens

4309 El Camino Real
PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA
U. S. A.



OUR NEW INTRODUCTIONS FOR 1957

SHOWBOAT—Formal Decorative. Purest white. This is the white seedling of Mr. N. Burrell that scored 85.5 at the California Trial Gardens 2 years ago. It is truly a magnificent variety that is as valuable for exhibition purposes as for garden performance. Five perfect blooms on one plant at the same time in our garden this fall all measured over 12 inches. Mr. Burrell has won with it as largest bloom in the show with blooms measuring more than 14 inches. It has remarkable substance, the texture of the petals reminds one of a lily, so that it is not damaged by heat and is as good in the summer as in the fall, which is not the case with all white dahlias. Most pleasing formation and well-placed stem. The plant is vigorous and may need some thinning out as it is a prolific grower. On Mr. Lynn B. Dudley's 1957 Roll of Honor in Flower Grower. Strong Divisions.....**\$15.00 Net**

TIJUANA—Informal Decorative. Deep rose suffused tan and boldly tipped white. One of the largest bi-colors and one that never shows a petal that is not definitely tipped. Visitors seemed to consider this the most spectacular variety of them all. First flower on the plant may be short-stemmed and rather coarse and this bud should be pinched out. Many excellent blooms will follow for a long period and produce a riot of color. Our descriptions refer mostly to our garden experience. We do not agree with some who think large dahlias are for exhibition only. Our best customers seem to be people who want a long season of colorful garden display and of course some for house decoration too. Strong Division **\$15.00 Net**

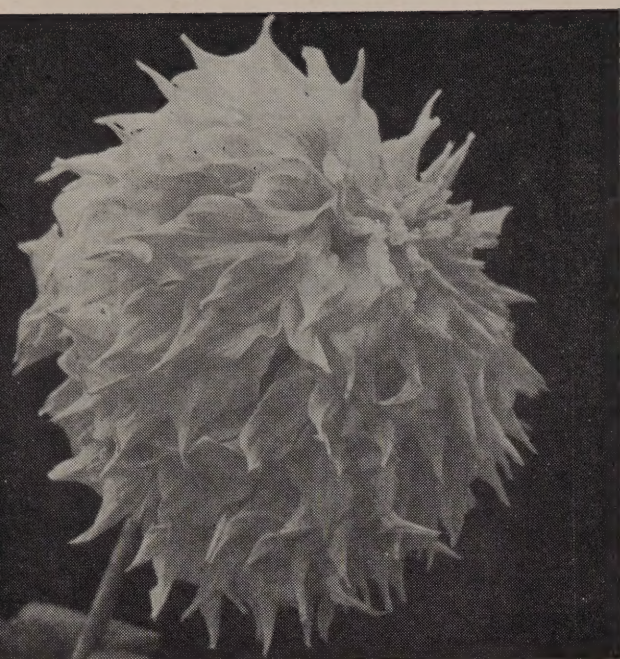
OUR 1956 INTRODUCTIONS

LAS LAURELES—Semi-cactus. Lively salmon pink lightly suffused pale gold. Because of its free blooming habit on long stems and good keeping qualities, it is very useful for cutting in quantity. The tall plants are also impressive in the garden. A conservative estimate of the size of the bloom is about 12x7. Honor Roll.....**\$10.00**

ROSARIO—Formal Decorative. Clear true lavender throughout the flower but shading to white at the base of the petals. Good lavender dahlias in recent years have been uncommon and this one is large, well formed and has good growing habits. We have already received some good reports on its performance in distant places.....**\$10.00**

HAND POLLENIZED DAHLIA SEEDS—Mixed large only.....**\$10.00 per 100 Net**

BARGAIN ROOT COLLECTIONS—May Delivery.....**\$10.00 per dozen Net**



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DAHLIAS OF OUR OWN INTRODUCTION

- ALCAZAR**—S.C. Deep fuchsia red. Fine large dahlia outstanding as to beauty and distinctiveness **\$2.50**
- ARGUELLO**—I.C. Deep cherry red with silvery reverse, velvet-like texture. True type cactus with well rolled petals. One of the best of recent years..... **\$3.50**
- AZURA**—I.D. Rosy lilac with a bluish violet sheen. Blooms up to 14 inches. Old but good **\$1.50**
- BEAU BRILLIANT**—I.D. Bright carmine. A truly brilliant color. Large, early and profuse..... **\$2.00**
- BUTTERFLY**—I.D. Henna-orange with reverse and center rosy mauve. Odd combination of color. Well-formed flower with pointed petals..... **\$2.00**
- CALIFORNIA CENTENNIAL**—I.D. Buff yellow with the color somewhat accentuated at the center. Oval shaped bloom of great size and strong growing habits. **\$2.50**
- CALIFORNIA IDOL**—I.D. Lemon yellow. Very large with ideal habits..... **\$1.00**
- CALIFORNIA PAGEANT**—I.D. Bright gold with shadings of reddish bronze. Very large flower of very gay coloring. High scorer..... **\$2.50**
- CAPISTRANO**—I.C. Bright canary yellow. Very full flower of unusual appearance. Big winner..... **\$3.50**
- CONFUCIUS**—S.C. Chinese red. Very striking and a real giant..... **\$1.50**
- DEE CEE**—I.D. Maize yellow. Exhibition variety. Likes warm weather..... **\$2.50**
- DOROTHY LAMOUR**—S.C. True orange. A dahlia of great charm because of its rare color and useful qualities..... **\$2.00**
- ESPLENDIDO**—I.C. Reddish coral pink. True type cactus of most attractive color. Very tall and an abundant producer..... **\$2.00**
- EVELYN CHANDLER**—S.C. Golden Apricot. Large and spectacular..... **\$1.00**
- FAVORITA**—I.C. Canary yellow. Best yellow cactus..... **\$2.00**
- FRIEDA GAYLORD**—I.D. Rosy pink slightly shaded with gold. Remarkable size and vigor. Has been grown to 15 inches. One of the truly great dahlias of all time **\$2.50**
- GAYLORD SPECIAL**—I.D. Clear orchid pink. Full and deep on long stems. Exquisite color and formation. Most satisfactory..... **\$5.00**

GERTRUDE LAWRENCE —I.D. Light cerise red. Large and early.....	\$1.50
GOVERNOR WARREN —I.D. Golden salmon shading deeper at center. Full broad-petalled bloom on rugged stem. Both beauty and size.....	\$2.50
JOSEPH B. LANKTREE —I.D. Bright red without shadings. Massive blooms 12 to 14 inches. Outstanding in its class.....	\$2.50
KING OF THE WHITES —I.D. Clear glistening white. Very large and full with fine stems and a sturdy plant. Not soiled by heat or moisture.....	\$2.50
LELAND STANFORD —I.D. Brilliant cardinal. One of the best reds.....	\$1.00
MARK TWAIN —I.D. Bright red boldly tipped white. There is no variation in the blooms, about one third of each petal at the tip being of purest white. We have received many flattering reports on its performance.....	\$3.50
NIGHTINGALE —F.D. Deep magenta rose shading somewhat lighter at tips of petals. Strictly formal. Large and long-stemmed.....	\$2.50
NINA WARREN —S.C. Bright rosy purple. A mass of blooms all season. The favorite color of the wife of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.....	\$3.50
PACIFIC SPLENDOR —I.D. Delicate pink shading to white center. Artistic flower of a delightful color.....	\$1.00
ROYAL PACIFIC —F.D. Violet purple of the blue tone. Rare and distinctive coloring. Continuous bloomer on perfect stems.....	\$2.50
SATAN —S.C. Flaming red, gold center. Greatest prize winner of its day.....	\$1.00
SAVINA —I.C. Bright salmon shading to golden yellow. One of the most beautiful cactus. Prolific.....	\$2.50
SEQUOIA —I.D. Primrose yellow. A truly superlative dahlia. Most unusual depth as well as diameter. Accompanying picture shows great wealth of petalage. Good for all purposes. New.....	\$7.50
TAHOE —I.C. Apricot shading to yellow. Very narrow petals completely rolled like the new spider chrysanthemum. A real novelty.....	\$3.50
TORCH —St.C. Lemon yellow tipped cherry red. One of the most popular dahlias. A most striking color combination of medium size.....	\$5.00
YOSEMITE —I.D. Shadings of apricot with a metallic lustre. Extremely large and very distinctive. Easy to grow. New.....	\$7.50

GOOD VARIETIES OF OTHER GROWERS

ARTHUR GODFREY —F.D. Oriental red with bronze shadings. Very large and one of the best.....	\$2.50
AGLOW —I.D. Soft apricot suffused light red. Nice flower.....	\$2.00
AMOS KIRBY —I.D. rich reddish purple. Big bloom, slender stem.....	\$2.00



TORCH

ATOMIC YELLOW—S.C. Canary yellow. Massive semi-cactus on strong stems.....\$2.50

ALL AMERICAN—S.C. Mulberry rose. Odd coloring, good form.....\$1.50

AUTUMN BLAZE—I.D. Brownish red suffused gold. Tremendous size. One of the most spectacular....\$2.50

AXFORD TRIUMPH—I.D. Bronze and tan. Excellent habits\$2.00

BAY CITY WHITE—I.C. Pure white. The only white true cactus we have.....\$2.50

BETTE DAVIS—S.C. Lavender rose. Very pleasing and useful medium size bloom.....\$2.00

BETTY STAKER—I.D. Dull gold and rose. Extra large and impressive.....\$2.00

BILL'S GOLD—I.D. Bright old gold. Wonderful color and good.....\$2.00

BLACKBIRD—St.C. Very dark red almost black. Medium Size. Tall.....\$2.50

BLACK MONARCH—I.D. Very dark red. Popular. Improved by shading.....\$2.00

BLUE RIVER—I.D. Bluish lavender. Always attracts attention.....\$1.00

CARL G. DAHL—I.D. Old rose and gold. Big, broad-petalled variety.....\$2.00

CROYDEN ELITE—I.D. Bright yellow with reddish suffusion. Good.....\$2.50

CROYDEN MASTERPIECE—I.D. Light orange. One of the very largest and best. Winner of many prizes and well known.....\$2.50

DAHLIAMUM—Bronze gold. Looks like a great shaggy chrysanthemum....\$2.00

DARCY SAINSBURY—F.D. White. Large full flower that stands the weather \$1.00

DIXIE'S WINE DOT—I.D. White ground striped wine red. Most unusual variegated dahlia of large size.....\$2.50

EDNA D.—S.C. Deep rose red. Fine for exhibition.....\$2.50

EL RUBIO—Wine red. Large bold flower and strong grower.....\$2.00

ESSIE SMITH—I.D. Lavender pink. Pleasing shade and attractive.....\$2.00

FIVE-STAR GENERAL—F.D. Blend of soft pink and creamy yellow. An exceptional dahlia of real merit. Large and free blooming.....\$2.50

FLASH—I.D. Red tipped white. Medium size.....\$2.00

FRANCES H.—I.D. Purple tipped white. Fairly large.....\$2.50

FRED CANNING—I.D. Bright geranium red. Extra large. From England.....\$2.50

FREDA GEORGE—I.D. Creamy pink and rose. Excellent qualities.....\$2.50

GALAXY—I.C. Yellow striped red. Nice variegated cactus.....\$2.00

GIANT OF BAARN—I.C. Crimson red. Gay color and long stems for cutting. From Holland.....\$2.50

GLAMOUR—I.D. Light purple with shadings of rose. Grows large without pampering. Color, form and habits are all good.....\$2.00

GUNYAH GLORY—S.C. Royal purple. Nothing else exactly like it in color. Fine tall growing variety.....\$3.50

HOLLYWOOD STAR—I.D. Light purple. Much admired by some.....\$2.50

JANE LAUSCHE —S.C. Lavender tipped white. Decidedly a different kind of bi-color. A real novelty.....	\$2.50
JUDITH —F.D. Deep purple edged white. Very handsome and highly recommended.....	\$2.50
KELVIN —I.D. Rosy pink. An exceptionally fine dahlia of great size and all good habits. One of the truly greats. Australia.....	\$2.50
KEMP'S PURPLE TRIUMPH —I.D. Deep purple. Good producer.....	\$2.50
KIDD'S CLIMAX —F.D. Clear lavender shading to yellow at base of petals. Unusual in color, large size, very desirable. Australia.....	\$2.50
KING SIZE —I.C. Bright red. Very nice bright red cactus.....	\$2.50
LOUISE —S.C. Creamy white. Nice large flower on long stem.....	\$2.50
MADONNA —I.D. White. Another popular white of good size.....	\$2.50
MARION SMITH —I.D. Clear pink. Large graceful blooms. First class.....	\$2.50
MARY ELIZABETH —I.D. Turkey red. Champion Eastern show winner. Doubtless one of the largest. Likes warm weather and good care.....	\$5.00
MONARCH OF THE EAST —I.D. Bright golden apricot. Large and colorful.....	\$1.00
MRS. HESTER PAPE —I.D. Reddish purple. Long a big winner in shows.....	\$3.50
MURPHY'S MASTERPIECE —I.D. Deep red. An old timer. Giant size.....	\$2.00
NANCY C. SCHARHAG —I. D. Lavender striped wine purple. Reliable.....	\$2.50
NIGHT EDITOR —I.D. Reddish purple. One of the best in its color.....	\$2.50
OAKLEIGH CHAMPION —I.C. Pink with yellow shadings. Large cactus.....	\$2.00
OGDEN REID —I.D. Old rose. Good flower of distinctive coloring.....	\$2.00
PACIFIC ROSE —I.D. Deep rose pink. Bright pink of medium height.....	\$2.50
PATRICIA SPOLLEN —I.C. Medium orange. A popular cactus variety.....	\$2.50
PINK GIANT —I.D. True pink. Popular and useful.....	\$1.00
PIRATE TREASURE —I.D. Orange buff and red. Large and vigorous.....	\$2.50
POET'S DREAM —I.D. Shell pink. Beautiful but stem is pendant.....	\$2.00
QUINN'S TIDAL WAVE —I.D. Canary yellow. Fine yellow and good grower.....	\$2.50
REAL GLORY —F.D. Pure white. Unsurpassed in its class.....	\$2.00
RED CHAMPION —I.D. Light red. Magnificent blooms freely produced.....	\$2.50
RUBY LOXTON —Bright rose. Large well-colored flower.....	\$2.00
SALEM SUNSHINE —Bright yellow. Extra good large yellow.....	\$2.50
SENSATION —I.D. Pale pink. Large and very attractive.....	\$2.50
SILVER GLAMOUR —Rosy purple edged white. Spectacular.....	\$2.50
STEPHEN FOSTER —I.C. Orange and buff. Large cactus and tall.....	\$2.00
SKYROCKET —S.C. Vermillion red. Brilliant shade. Desirable.....	\$2.00
SPECIAL AWARD —I.D. Golden apricot. Large and tall.....	\$2.50
TOPFLIGHT —S.C. Crimson. Fine red that does not fade.....	\$2.00
TOPS —I.D. Clear yellow. Another good yellow.....	\$2.00
TROJAN —Orange red and yellow. Rare coloring. Large.....	\$2.00
VARGAS GARDNER —I.D. Creamy white and yellow. Enormous size.....	\$3.50
WORLD EVENT —I.D. Deep rose pink. Very good in our garden.....	\$2.00



YOSEMITE

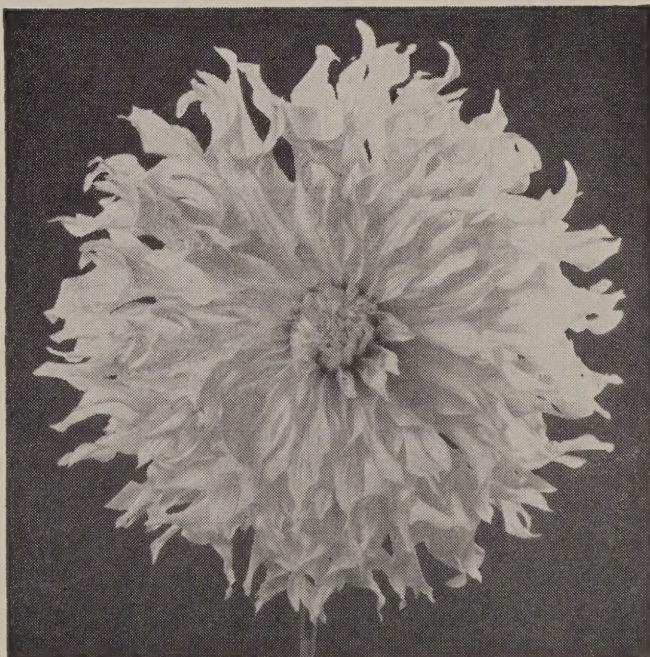


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MARK TWAIN



CAPISTRANO

